Mushroom keychain

US terms



Finished size
About 1¾ in (4.4 cm) tall without the key ring

Skill
Easy
Seven pieces worked in rounds and sewn together.

Yarn
Medium (4), 5 colors

Hook
3.5 mm (US E-4)

Gauge
20 stitches and 22 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet, in a spiral.

What you need

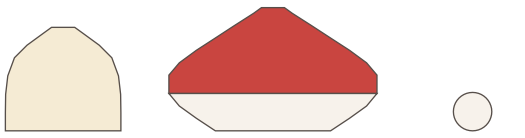
Yarn A: toadstool red, cap and the details	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: cream, stem	**about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: white, cap and spot	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: black, the details	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: rose, the details	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 25 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 200 yd (183 m).

Hook: 3.5 mm (US E-4), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: toy stuffing, a yarn needle, a stitch marker, pins, scissors, a key ring about 1 in (25 mm) across with a small jump ring, pliers and two black plastic eyes with washers, 6 mm.

To find how many balls: divide by the length on your yarn's label and round up. Buy them from one dye lot. The estimate is from the stitches of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added.

The pieces



Stem

Cap
to the stem

Spot x 5
to the cap

Gauge

20 stitches and 22 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet, in a spiral.

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To check it, work a flat circle: 6 sc in a magic ring, then 6 more sc in each round (12, 18, 24, 30, 36). After round 6 it should measure about 2¼ in (5.5 cm) across. The stitches should be tight enough that the stuffing does not show.

Use any hook that gives you this. If you count more stitches than this in 4 in (10 cm), change to a larger hook; if you count fewer, to a smaller one.

Notes

- Every piece is worked in a continuous spiral with the right side facing you: do not join and do not turn. Put the marker in the first stitch of each round and move it up.
- Square brackets hold a repeat; work it as many times as the line says. The number in parentheses is the count at the end of the round.
- Magic ring: wrap the yarn round two fingers, work round 1 into the loop and pull the tail to close it. Or chain 2 and work round 1 into the first chain.
- Color change: where a line begins "With C," (or another letter), work the last pull-through of the round before it in C. Cut the old yarn and knot the ends on the wrong side.
- Center line: places on a piece are given by round and by stitches from a center line. It is half way round from where the rounds begin. Mark it with a pin or a scrap of yarn as listed here, run it straight from round 1 to the last round by eye, and count out from it along the round, in stitches and half stitches.
- Stem: the center line runs between stitches 9 and 10 of round 3 (18 sts). It faces the front. Cap: the center line runs between stitches 18 and 19 of round 6 (36 sts). It faces the front, round 1 at the top.
- Right and left are as you look at the front of the toy. Rounds are counted from the start of each piece.
- In every step of putting it together: where a piece meets or overlaps another, sew through both. Where no tail is left or a tail is too short, sew with a new length of the yarn of the piece you are putting on.
- To work sc2tog, put the hook under the front loop only of each of the next 2 stitches, yarn over, pull through both loops, yarn over, pull through 2 loops. In a BLO round, use the back loops instead.
- For a child under three, or a pet, embroider the eyes instead: satin stitch dots of the same size in D (black).
- The rounds and stitches are the same for every size; the yarn and the hook make the difference. Lengths in the words (tails, ovals, details) are for Standard, the size written here: for another size multiply them by the number in its line.
- Small: fine (2, sport) yarn, 2.25 mm (B-1) hook, 27 sc and 30 rounds to 4 in (10 cm): about 1¼ in (3.2 cm) tall without the key ring; eyes 4 mm; multiply lengths by 0.74; about 0.74 times the yarn.
- Large: bulky (5, chunky) yarn, 5 mm (H-8) hook, 14 sc and 15.4 rounds to 4 in (10 cm): about 2½ in (6.3 cm) tall without the key ring; eyes 9 mm; multiply lengths by 1.4; about 1.4 times the yarn.
- Jumbo: super bulky (6, plush or velvet) yarn, 6.5 mm (K-10½) hook, 11 sc and 12.1 rounds to 4 in (10 cm): about 3 1/8 in (7.9 cm) tall without the key ring; eyes 11 mm; multiply lengths by 1.8; about 1.8 times the yarn.

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Instructions

US terms.

ch chain, **sl st** slip stitch, **sc** single crochet (UK double crochet), **MR** magic ring, **Rnd** round, **st** stitch.
sc2tog 2 sc made into one. **BLO**: only the loop away from you. **yo** yarn over the hook, **RS** right side, the one that shows.
2 sc in next st: both in one stitch. **sc in next 2 sts**: one in each.
[ ] 6 times: work what is inside 6 times in all.
(6 sc): the stitches you have when the round is done. **How to read a pattern**.

Stem

Yarn B, cream.

Round 1 is the middle of the base.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(6 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each st around	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(18 sc)
	Mark the center line now: a pin or a scrap of yarn between stitches 9 and 10 of round 3. It faces the front. Cap: the center line runs between stitches 18 and 19 of round 6 (36 sts). It faces the front, round 1 at the top.	
☐ **Rnds 4 to 7** 4 5 6 7	Sc in each st around	(18 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving an 18 in (46 cm) tail for sewing. Fix the eyes now (see Finishing). Do this before you stuff the piece or sew it on. Stuff firmly up to the open edge.	

Cap

Yarns in order of use: A, toadstool red; C, white.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(6 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each st around	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(18 sc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	(24 sc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(30 sc)
☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	(36 sc)
☐ **Rnd 7**	Sc in each st around	(36 sc)
☐ **Rnd 8**	With C, working in BLO all the way round, **[**sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts**] 6 times**	(30 sc)
☐ **Rnd 9**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	(24 sc)
☐ **Rnd 10**	**[**sc in next st, sc2tog, sc in next st**] 6 times**	(18 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving an 8 in (20 cm) tail. Bury it inside when the edge is sewn on. Stuff firmly up to the open edge.	

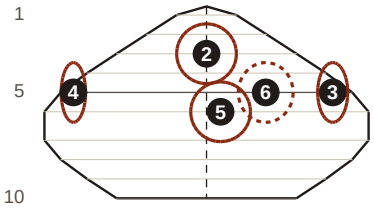
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Spot: make 5

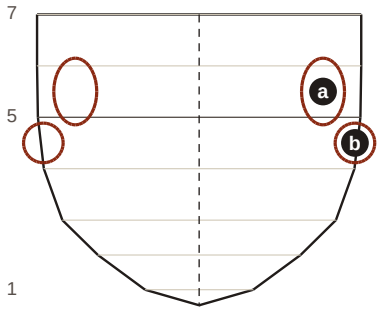
Yarn C, white.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(6 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 10 in (25 cm) tail for sewing. Do not stuff. Press it flat with the right side up.	

Assembly



Cap: 2 spot, 3 spot, 4 spot, 5 spot, 6 spot



Stem: a eyes, b cheeks

A number is the step below that puts it on; a letter is put on under Finishing. Each line is a round, counted as the rounds are worked. The upright broken line is the center line. A place with a broken edge is on the far side.

1. Set the open edge of the cap (18 sts) on the open edge of the stem (18 sts), center lines in line. With the tail of the stem, sew the two edges together all the way round, topping up the stuffing before the last stitches.

2. Lay one spot flat on the cap, right side out, the middle of it on round 3, on the center line. Sew down all 6 stitches of the edge.

3. Lay one spot flat on the cap, right side out, the middle of it on round 5, 5 stitches to the right of the center line. Sew down all 6 stitches of the edge.

4. Lay one spot flat on the cap, right side out, the middle of it on round 5, 5½ stitches to the left of the center line. Sew down all 6 stitches of the edge.

5. Lay one spot flat on the cap, right side out, the middle of it on round 6, ½ stitch to the right of the center line. Sew down all 6 stitches of the edge.

6. Lay one spot flat on the cap, right side out, the middle of it on round 5, 13 stitches to the right of the center line. Sew down all 6 stitches of the edge.

7. Open the jump ring with pliers, slip it through a stitch of round 1 of the cap, at the very top, and through the key ring, and close it. For a stronger hold, make a loop first: with a new length of A (toadstool red), sl st in that stitch, ch 8, sl st in the same stitch and fasten off; bury the ends and put the jump ring through the loop.

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Finishing

- Put in the plastic eyes when the words of a piece say so, or embroider eyes in the same places with the other details. Embroider with one strand of yarn and the yarn needle when the pieces round the place are sewn on; begin and end each strand inside the toy. Satin stitch is straight stitches side by side until the shape is filled. Backstitch is a line of short stitches end to end: bring the needle up one stitch ahead, put it down at the end of the stitch before, and repeat.
- Eyes: two 6 mm black plastic eyes, on the stem between rounds 5 and 6, one to each side, 2½ stitches from the center line (5 stitches apart).
- Cheeks: with E (rose), in satin stitch, an oval about 3/16 in (5 mm) wide and 1/8 in (3 mm) tall, its middle on the stem between rounds 4 and 5, one to each side, 4 stitches from the center line (8 stitches apart).
- Mouth: with D (black), in backstitch, a smile, one curve about ¼ in (6 mm) wide that dips 1/8 in (3 mm) below its ends. Its two ends are on the stem on round 5, one to each side of the center line.
- Weave every tail through the toy and trim it. For a toy that will be played with, go round each seam a second time with a new length of yarn. Split rings and small parts are not for small children.

In all: 7 pieces; 372 stitches (108 in the stem, 234 in the cap, 6 in each spot).

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